

den Hartog House
2210 Army Post Road
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-144

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Iowa	COUNTY Polk	TOWN OR VICINITY Des Moines
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) den Hartog House		EABS NO. IA-144
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2210 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1940 (Architectural Drawings)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William Kraetsch (Architectural Plans) Kraetsch and Kraetsch Architects	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Although not 50 years old, the building is an excellent example of the Moderne/Art Deco style utilized in the design of a moderately sized house. The Moderne style was rare in Des Moines--only approximately twenty (20) houses were built in this style throughout the city. Kraetsch and Kraetsch was the most important architectural firm relative to this particular style of residence.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Moderne/Art Deco		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Walls were constructed of waylite block and covered with painted stucco. The capping is cast cement and windows are steel casement or glass block.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPT See attached floor plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE: The exterior of the structure has a lack of ornamentation typical of the Moderne style. The stucco covered waylite block has a seamless affect on surfaces. The glass block window at the front of the house extends from the first floor to the second floor creating a curtain like wall of glass. The front entryway has a curved overhang and the second story can be accessed via a curving steel stairway.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED): First floor rooms included a bedroom, bath, kitchen and library with fireplace and recessed areas for books. The kitchen featured built in steel cupboards and dishwasher. The upstairs rooms included a living room positioned to watch the planes take off from the Des Moines Airport, bath and bedroom. The living room open onto a deck on top of the attached garage.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The back porch was altered a few years after the house was constructed when a den or family room was added. Much later a fireplace was added to this addition.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant in structurally good condition. Positioned in the clearzone of the Des Moines International Airport.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building was built for \$11,000. The landscaping was done by Arie F. den Boer a Des Moines resident who was an international expert in the growing of crab apples.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Request for Determination of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places; original architectural drawings; photographs of the house during construction; conversation with Mrs. Genevieve den Hartog for whom the house was originally constructed.		
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